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This report was rather hard to get and some time was spent at the court house trying to verify the dates.

In 1902 George Williams of near Lobelia,Pocahontas County,W,Va bou-

ght a circular saw mill,his first operation was a set on Caesar Mountain for S.J Payne of Hillsboro who had bought a tract of timber from Sam & Sabina Wamsley for \$175.00 and they received in payment one horse at \$125. and a buggy at \$50.00 this contract was written August 4,1902.

325.000 was cut at this set and upon completion moved to Seebert.

His next set was also for S.J Payne and the mill was set at what was known at that time as Carter Siding which is just below Seebert,W,Va the timber having been bought from many different people of Seebert and the surrounding terretory.This operation started in April 1903 and run to May 1905.

Camps were built to take care of the men and barns were built to stable the horses,as Payne had one and two teams there most of the time beades the horses of Ellis McCarty of Hillsboro and K.O Wade of the Wade corner which is a section at the top of the Seebert hill.

The lumber was laded in box cars of the C & O Railroad and shipped to many different sections,400,000 was sawed at this set and Williams was sawyer on all of his operations.

From Seebert the mill was moved to Red Lick Mountain to saw for Smith and Whiting they having bought this tract of timber from W.H Shearer who lived on the head of Dry Creek above Onoto. In the Company were Captain A.E Smith and Jim Whiting.

There was 378 acrs in this bondary and bounded as follows starting at the head of Dry Creek thence to the Silas Barlow line then to the line of I.M Armgast and with the lines of S.B Elkins and H.G Davis and then

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the Gibson line, this tract was formely owned by the Lynch Lumber Co. This timber was deeded to Smith And Whiting March 21, 1906, they paid

\$1700.00 for the boundary from which they sawed 400,000 feet of boards there was two sets .Upon completion of thïs operation Williams moved his mill back to the Little Levels District and over Caesar Mountain to his next set.

The 4th set was for J.E Peck on the farm known at that time as the Dr. J.D Thrasher farm and deeded by him to J.E and Effie Peck July 9, 1903.

The mill was set just under the top of Caesar Mountain on the Peck place and ready for operation, Peck had a team and did part of the skidding but he hired Harry and Frank Thompson of Millpoint to do part of the skidding.

John Boblett of Lobelia had the misfortune of having his hand cut off by the edger on this operation leaving him a cripple the rest of his life.

This operation took place in 1906 & 07 and they sawed 416.000.

#5-- The next set was for S.J Payne and took place on top of Caesar Mountain at the Dick Anderson farm and purchased from his widow Sally Anderson the farm is now owne d by Wilford Bruffey.

This was operated in 1906 and 75,000 was sawed at this set.

#6--- In 1906 George Williams sawed two sets for S.J Payne on Rush Run the timber was bought from Ambrose Hill *of near Lobelia.*

#7-- In 1906 & 07 Williams sawed for W.W Kinnison on Bruffeys Creek part of this timber was logged from Kinnison's own farm the rest he boug- ht from near by farmers.

#8--- In 1907 George Williams set his mill on the Cass McCoy farm on Bruffey's Creek and sawed a set for W.W Kinnison .Kinnison having bought what timber there was on the McCoy farm ,which when sawed was used by

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Kinnison in his carpenter work as W.W Kinnison contracted to build and
constructed some of Pocahontas County's best and most expensive buildings
among the m were the Methodist Church at Marlinton, W, Va. The Hillsboro Gra-
School and a residence in the Kinnison Addition of Hillsboro ~~they/we///~~
and the Bank Of Hillsboro Building these were all brick buildings and con-
structed by Kinnison a resident of Hillsboro and near Lobelia, so most of the
timber he bought and had ~~saved~~ was used by him in the construction of buildi-
ngs of some kind or other.

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